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New CG at Recruiting Command

Corps retires its highest-ranking Hispanic officer

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Marine Corps Recruiting Command

Brig. Gen. Walter B. Gaskin assumed command of Marine Corps Recruiting Command Sept. 17 in a ceremony at the Lejeune Hall parade field in Quantico, Va.

Maj. Gen. Christopher Cortez relinquished his final command, retiring after 33 years of service to the Corps. Maj. Gen. Cortez retires as the highest-ranking Hispanic American currently serving in the Corps. During the ceremony, Maj. Gen. Cortez received the Distinguished Service Medal for his successful tour as the MCRC commanding general.

"My time here at the recruiting



Brig. Gen. Walter B. Gaskin assumed command of Marine Corps Recruiting Command in a ceremony at the Lejeune Hall parade field aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., Sept. 17. Sgt. Jimmie Perkins

command has been extremely rewarding as I have been blessed to lead some of the finest Marines our Corps has to offer," said Maj. Gen. Cortez. "For these last 25 months you have been nothing short of awesome."

Since Maj. Gen. Cortez assumed command of MCRC in August 2002, the command successfully met its recruiting goals every month and has exceeded in attaining the required number of quality recruits. Under his command, the Marine Corps shipped more than 75,000 young men and women to recruit training.

During Maj. Gen. Cortez's tenure, the Marine Corps faced recruiting challenges as the global war on terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom progressed. However, while accomplishing the mission, Maj. Gen. Cortez's leadership refined and reinforced MCRC's approach to systematic recruiting. Other efforts and new programs such as the Class of Tomorrow interactive CD-ROM and the successful redesign of Marines.com helped MCRC reach out to more young Americans while at the same time reduced costs and streamlined processes.

Overall, through an aggressive approach to the challenges of modern recruiting, the command succeeded and laid the foundation for continued success.

"The importance of recruiting to the Marine Corps can not be emphasized enough. It is as operational a command as we have, commanded in a superb style by one of the Corps' great Marines, Maj. Gen. Cortez," said Gen. James L. Jones, former Commandant and current Supreme Allied

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A wreath is placed at the foot of The Known Marine drill instructor monument at Shepherd Memorial Drill Field and Pavilion Sept. 17, to honor six deceased former drill instructors for their sacrifice. Sgt. L.F. Langston/Chevron

DIs hold reunion

BY SGT. L.F. LANGSTON
Chevron staff

Leathernecks from different eras as far back as World War II gathered here and attended a morning colors ceremony and recruit graduation Sept. 17 for their chapter's annual U.S. Drill Instructors Association reunion.

The association's "Crow" Crawford Chapter members arrived Sept. 15 at the Hanalei Red Lion Hotel in San Diego for the five-day reunion, marking the 18th year the chapter has gathered. The San Diego-based Crawford chapter is the association's original chapter. There are additional chapters in Florida and MCRD Parris Island, S.C.

Former and active drill instructors and guests attended a memorial service at the Known Marine drill instructor monument here to pay respects to six deceased drill instructors. A bugler played taps, and a detail of drill instructors fired rifle salutes.

"The best Marines were the drill instructors," said retired Master Gunnery Sgt. Bobby Biers. "I cry when I come over."

Later at the boathouse, members and

guests enjoyed a barbecue featuring a prize raffle and a cadence-calling contest.

The reunion extended through the weekend for more socializing and a bit of recreation at the Naval Air Station North Island golf course. The last night concluded with dinner and a ceremony.

Retired Staff Sgt. Ben Holibonich, a WWII island-hopping campaign veteran, said he attends the reunion every year. "It's a get-together with the ole' boys, and it's been a good one."

The reunion brought friends, past and present, from the drill field, resulting in successful attendance, according to Drill Instructors Association president, 1st Sgt. James L. Wilson, Company F.

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**NATIONAL
HISPANIC
HERITAGE
MONTH**

Sept. 15 — Oct. 15



**DI SCHOOL,
CLASS 4-04
GRADUATES**

Honor grad headed
to Company L.

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**TUG-OF-
WAR**

Service Company tuggers
rule the rope

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Commander Europe, who presided over the ceremony. “Maj. Gen. Cortez has been a steady and reliant leader of this vital force, and I can state confidently that Recruiting Command is now in the very able and careful hands of Walter Gaskin.”

Brig Gen. Gaskin recently served as the Chief of Staff for the Naval Striking and Support Forces in Southern Europe and as the deputy commanding general of Fleet Marine Forces Europe in Naples, Italy.

During his 30-year career, Brig. Gen. Gaskin, an infantry officer, has served in billets ranging from rifle platoon commander to battalion commander to Marine Expeditionary Unit commander. He also served as commanding general of Training Command. Brig. Gen. Gaskin’s previous recruiting experience includes being a Marine Officer Instructor at his alma mater, Savannah State University, and as an Assistant Officer Selection Officer with the 6th Marine Corps Recruiting District.

“250 times since 1945, our Corps has been called on to send Marines into harm’s way, which averages out to once every 90 days,” said Brig. Gen. Gaskin. “To meet these

demanding needs of the Corps and the nation, Marine Corps Recruiting Command is called upon to find the next successful generation of Marines. I appreciate the successful history of this command, and I am ready to assume fully the responsibility for maintaining our success.”

Maj. Gen. Cortez will officially be retired from the Marine Corps on December 31, leaving the Marine Corps with a long and distinguished career. Also entering the Marine Corps as an infantry officer, Cortez served in command of infantry Marines at the platoon, company, battalion and regimental levels.

While commanding officer of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, his unit deployed with the 7th Marine Expeditionary Brigade to Saudi Arabia, serving sequentially with 7th Marines and 3rd Marines during Operation Desert Shield and then with Task Force Ripper during Operation Desert Storm. Maj. Gen. Cortez also served as the chief of staff for I Marine Expeditionary Force, assistant division commander for 1st Marine Division and chief of staff for Combined Coalition Joint Task Force, Kuwait. He also served as the director, Strategy and Plans Division, Head-

quarters Marine Corps and as the director for operations at U.S. Pacific Command.

“I’ve been proud to wear this uniform. I am grateful my father came to America for the opportunities this great country offered to my family, and I am also grateful to the Marine Corps for the opportunities that it has offered me,” said Maj. Gen. Cortez. “In my tour here I have seen who is coming into the Marine Corps and I am optimistic for our future. I see these young Marines go on to serve and fight successfully in Afghanistan and Iraq, and I am optimistic for our future.”

While Maj. Gen. Cortez has not revealed his plans after retirement, his wife Leigh has a few things in mind.

“There is a reason that the person with the biggest smile on their face at retirement ceremonies is usually the spouse of the Marine,” joked Mrs. Cortez. “But seriously, the Marine Corps has been so good to us for these many years and I can not thank the Marines enough. Now my first task is going to have to be to find Chris some work so I can get him out of the house. He has been a hard working Marine for so long, I don’t think he will know what to do with himself in retirement.”



AUSTRALIA ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF PAYS VISIT

Australian Army Chief of Staff Lt. Gen Peter F. Leahy visited the Depot this week to observe Marine recruit training and learn about the transformation process. Lance Cpl. Robert Fleagle/Combat Visual Information Center



‘I thought I knew everything about driving’

BY LT. CMDR. JERRY CHAPMAN
Sea&Shore

Having driven for almost 27 years, in nearly every state of the union and under all kinds of weather and traffic conditions, I considered myself a skilled and safe driver. I thought I could maneuver my high-performance sedan around any hazardous situation and avoid an accident.

Since reporting to the Naval Safety Center, though, I’ve become aware of how many risks I’ve been taking and how, at any moment, I could become another motor-vehicle mishap statistic.

I anticipated my tour of duty at Naval Safety Center, but I never thought it would affect something I daily take for granted. My safe-driving wake-up call came when I started reviewing motor-vehicle mishap reports. In 22 years of naval service, I never had viewed message traffic from the whole Navy. Thus, mishaps and their severity never had seemed significant until now. The number of mishaps for even one day is alarming, especially in the motor-vehicle community.

Last year alone, we lost 67 shipmates in traffic crashes—that’s a \$10 million loss to our Navy when you consider the training costs and then the immeasurable grief families and friends have to bear. I couldn’t help wondering how many of those tragic losses could have been avoided. What are we, as leaders, doing to educate our sailors, and what role are we playing as shipmates in re-

ducing these alarming numbers?

I started looking at my own driving habits, questioning whether I’m really as safe as I had thought. My wife recently let me know that she no longer feels safe in the car when I’m driving. “Am I that bad?” I wondered.

I spent the next few days analyzing my every driving habit. I evaluated my actual speed, compared to the posted limit and the existing road conditions. I noted all distractions I let occur while driving: using cell phone, eating and reading, to name a few. I considered how courteous I am to other drivers. I wanted to know if I’m the type of driver others need to watch out for.

After three days of analyzing my own driving habits, I felt ashamed, disappointed and angry with myself for putting my family and others at risk. Ironically, I was assigned to develop motor-vehicle safety presentations to be given during our safety surveys. “How can I promote motor-vehicle safety when I act like an idiot behind the wheel?” I thought.

I spent the next week collecting data from the Department of Transportation, our Naval Safety Center database, and the Army Safety Center’s Web site. The numbers were revealing and proved the value of many advertised safety features we’ve been hearing about for years. For example, safety belts do save lives—164,000 since 1975.

But, despite cars being safer, they also are faster. Mix that speed with alcohol, and you have a lethal formula. Despite more driver-education programs for new drivers, fatalities among our youngest drivers still are rising. As for motorcycles, there’s nothing safe about them.

My task was clear: I first had to modify my driving. Second, I had to assemble two presentations that would emphasize risks, identify those most at risk, and present what we, as leaders and supervisors, are doing to pass the word.

Acknowledging my own poor driving habits was a welcome relief to my family. Although that admission wasn’t easy, I do find myself more relaxed now when driving, and I’m more courteous, even when I’m stuck in one of our typical Tidewater traffic snarls. I’m proud of my new traffic-safety awareness, and I’m relieved it didn’t take a tragedy to bring me to my senses.

What about my shipmates in the fleet, though? How can we prevent their deaths and senseless suffering from motor-vehicle mishaps?

We realize that legislation alone will not reduce the numbers. It takes urgency and assertive awareness from an engaged command to reduce motor-vehicle mishaps. The Navy’s governing instruction is OpNavInst 5100.12G (Navy Traffic Safety Program), but numerous helpful resources also exist from the Department of Transportation and the Naval Safety Center.

As outlined in OpNavInst 5100.12G, commands must designate, in writing, a command traffic-safety coordinator, who is required to track motor-vehicle mishap trends and to provide that data for review by the CO and the command’s safety council. The data then enables the command to identify high-risk drivers and to assign them to driver-improvement classes. Records also should be maintained for motorcycle operators and those who have

completed the required motorcycle-safety rider course. The traffic-safety coordinator stays aware of current trends by attending regional and his own traffic-safety council meetings.

Department heads, division officers, and chief petty officers also have a front-line position in the war against motor-vehicle mishaps. The close working relationship between junior sailors and their division officers and chiefs affords an opportunity to educate the young sailors about applying operational risk management to off-duty vehicle operation. Division officers and chiefs must make sure the records of all newly reporting personnel document the DoD-required four hours of motor-vehicle safety training. They also should encourage young sailors to use the buddy system and designated-driver program.

If you’re in a leadership position, review your sailors’ travel plans before you sign their leave or special-liberty papers. Periodically hold mini-safety stand-downs to reaffirm driver and vehicle safety. It takes initiative, planning, training, and continuous reinforcement to reduce our mishap rate.

We must show our sailors the consequences of their behavior, such as drinking and driving, speeding, and other reckless actions. We must promote courteous and thoughtful driving habits. We must set good examples for them to follow. It takes years of training and thousands of dollars to replace a sailor we lose in one senseless act, and we never can repair the loss felt by family, friends and shipmates.

The Marine-to-civilian transition itself could feel like a full-time job

BY CPL. SHAWN M. TOUSSAINT
Chevron staff

Transitioning from the Marine Corps into the civilian world can be a very stressful experience. Believe me, I know because I’m in the middle of that process right now.

Experts on stress agree that two of the most stressful experiences a person can undergo are moving and changing careers. That is not good news for us Marines because we often face both of these challenges.

Because this process is stressful and challenging, all Marines should know about all available resources and how to use them in transitioning.

The transition starts with the Transition Assistance Program, a requirement 12 months before separating or retiring. I took TAP 6 months prior to my separation date. I found it very informative in the areas of relocating and finding a job. All Marines planning on separating in the next year should get enrolled in a TAP class as soon as possible. It will definitely increase your chances of success on the outside and teach you techniques to deal with stress.

However, TAP alone will not guarantee you a job upon separation. It is going to take initiative and hard work.

Retired Sgt. Maj. John L. Horton wrote in a recent Marine Corps Gazette article, “The best advice for those who are leaving a branch of the Armed Forces is to take the job search seriously. Be courageous enough to admit that the military hasn’t prepared you to effectively look for a job and that now you must become teachable. Since the best positions go to those who are best equipped to find them, your search will require lots of homework and a determined, disciplined effort. If you have average skills and salary requirements, you should spend 30 to 40 hours a week on your search. Someone who wants to earn a high salary should spend 45 to 60 hours weekly. When you feel like your search has become a full-time job, you’re probably doing things right.”

That is a big sacrifice of time for someone who is currently on active duty, but I think it’s better to pay the price now than later.

Humberto Alvarez, a Marine who recently separated and is now working as a civilian administrative clerk at the Consolidated Personnel Administrative Center, said that being proactive, having a plan and working the plan are the key drivers to a successful transition.

“The first thing you must do is decide what you want to do,” said Alvarez. “Next you have to make sure you have the education or certification to do what you’re planning. Finally, you have to learn to sell yourself on paper and in person. This type of planning for some Marines needs to begin two to three years prior to separation.”

Alvarez’s advice for job-finding is especially helpful for those Marines stationed at bases where education is easily obtained and Marines have the free time.

This is not to discourage Marines who are forward deployed and do not have such free time. The average job search campaign usually takes between three and nine months. The Marine Corps recognizes the need to get those who are deployed and planning on separating to areas where they can be exposed to resources that can help them.

One of the resources I have found to be extremely helpful is the Marine-4-Life Program. The program serves as a networking resource that helps Marines in just about every area of the transitioning process.

This includes networking with huge corporations and local companies to help get jobs. Also, for those searching for housing, the Marine-4-Life program can help you look for locations and properties.

To say the least, I was pleasantly surprised to find out that a Marine would be helping me find a job and a place to live. This reaffirmed the statement we as Marines have heard throughout our careers: “Once a Marine, always a Marine. Semper Fidelis.”

Safeguard credit info



Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn/Chevron

A good deal nearly gone wrong

BY 2ND LT. MICHAEL BILELLO
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We have all heard the saying, “If it is too good to be true, it probably is.”

In today’s world, where a dollar doesn’t go as far as it should, coming across an opportunity to get more bang for your buck invigorates the consumer in all of us. We are quick to take advantage of the offer – or does the offer take advantage of us?

Recently, I received a phone call at work on a government line from a magazine company that offered me six magazines for \$3.49 a week. The telemarketer needed to first ask me a few questions, such as my marital status, employment, hobbies and address, to pinpoint my geographical location and assist her in finding out which magazines are best suited for my lifestyle. Jubilantly she informed me that her survey system said that Esquire, Men’s Health, Money magazine, Time, GQ and Guns & Ammo would suit me just right. She then added, “If you confirm your order now, I would love to send you a men’s or women’s sport watch absolutely free.”

How could I resist? I could hear the sounds of other telemarketers in the background busily chatting. I imagined all the other consumers across the nation taking advantage of this great offer.

So then she asked if she could forward me to her supervisor to confirm my order, order A-407, and asked if I could give her a “favorable comment or two” when asked to comment on the quality of her service. I agreed and she giggled, thanking me for my time. She told me to enjoy the magazines along with my watch and to “keep it real.”

Seconds later, a pleasant-sounding woman greeted me by my first name and asked me how I would rate the service provided by her employee. She then hurriedly asked how I would like to be billed for my magazine plan: “Will that be Visa, Master Card, American Express or any other form of Visa endorsed bank card?”

She then asked for the expiration date, followed by the credit card number and the last three digits of my

security code found on the signature slate on the back of the card.

My mind immediately began questioning what exactly had just happened. I flashed back to the initial caller and imagined her working out of an apartment sitting at the kitchen table, sharing a cigarette with her partner smirking confidently at her as she dialed my number, which she had just cold called. As I saw her push the play button on the digital mini-recorder she purchased on E-Bay, loaded with sounds of people talking in the background, a recording she produced at the DMV earlier that week.

Transferring me to her supervisor across the table would be quick. Her accomplice would add my personal data, along with my credit card information, to a sheet of coffee-stained legal paper that was filled with other bargain shoppers’ names.

The cigarette smoke that filled the room could not hide the puzzled look on her face when she heard my reply.

“Ma’am, don’t take this the wrong way, but is there a number where I can reach you back? This way, if this were a scam, I could at least inform the proper authorities with enough information.”

I laughed at the end to reciprocate the pleasant mood.

Her reply? A dial tone.

Had I just avoided a classic credit-card scam that victimizes many Marines daily? Perhaps, but I will never know for sure. Immediately I informed the Marines in my section, my friends and family, letting them know exactly what just happened.

A con-person’s worst enemy is a blown cover. I then went upstairs to report the incident to the base inspector, who alerted the appropriate parties.

It is the responsibility of all Marines to “take care of our own,” as we say, and ensure that we are educated in thwarting deviant amoebas who bottom-feed on bargain shoppers seeking to make a dollar go a long way. Ensure your Marines and their families know about potential scams, and stay wise to on-base personnel and services available to report and inquire about such stunts.

Your unit inspector is a good place to start. Remember: Sometimes taking advantage of a deal is really allowing someone take advantage of you.



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BOOT CAMP CHALLENGE '04

The Boot Camp Challenge is a 3-mile run October 2 at 9 a.m. features obstacles used by Marine recruits.

Sixty drill instructors will be there encouraging participants along the course like only DIs do. All depot service members participate for free; others pay a \$25 entry fee.

This is the third year for the event and it is a part of Fleet Week. The race has grown each year from 1,000 to 1,650. Organizers anticipate 2,000 participants – 95 percent being civilian. For more information, go to www.bootcampchallenge.com or call (619) 524-6058.

RS Orange seeks Marines

Recruiting Station Orange County is looking for motivated Marines between the ranks of private and sergeant to return home for 30 days permissive Temporary Assigned Duty and help recruiting efforts during the November and December holiday season. Their area includes Hawaii and Guam. If you are interested, inform your unit and then call Sgt. Maj. Leonard R. Rivera at (949) 261-0131 or Gunnery Sgt. Brent A. Engelhardt at (949) 261-2049.

Air Show Tickets on Sale

Marine Corps Air Station Miramar is hosting its annual air show Oct. 15-17. The show is free and open to all. Tickets for preferred seating may be purchased online, or a ticket form can be downloaded, then faxed or mailed.

Tickets may also be purchased at the MCAS Miramar Entertainment Ticket Office, Building 2524. Preferred seating offers upgrades including shaded seating, food and beverage service and more. There is a special offer for active-duty military, retirees, reservists and their family members with valid identification cards. Preferred seating options have been greatly discounted, and grandstand seating is free to eligible personnel Oct. 15.

Military ticket purchasers can buy tickets for guests on

a one-to-one basis. A military family of two adults and two children can buy two additional adult and children's tickets for the same price. Military identification must be presented with the tickets. Miramar Department of Defense employees are included in this offer. For more information, go to www.miramarairshow.com or call (858) 577-1016.

Operation Gaslamp

Operation Gaslamp, sponsored by the San Diego Armed Services YMCA, is Oct. 1. The event is part of Fleet Week, and about 45 restaurants and other businesses are offering discounts and freebies to military personnel in the Gaslamp District, Coronado Island and Seaport Village. Coupon books are two for \$5, and can be purchased at Jimmy Love's in the Gaslamp or the East Plaza Gazebo in Seaport Village.

Partners in Beauty

Partners in Beauty and Operation Homefront have joined forces donating military makeovers to active duty military and military spouses. As a thank you for the support and service of San Diego military, a combination of services valued over \$45,000 will be donated by San Diego's best health and beauty professionals. Services will include cosmetic surgery, laser vision correction and cosmetic dentistry. Operation Homefront is an organization serving San Diego military

families. Partners in Beauty is an organization connecting its members to the best health and beauty services, while benefiting various charities. Submit applications, available online at www.partnersinbeauty.com to Partners in Beauty before Oct. 10. All instructions are on the application. For more information, send an e-mail to partnersinbeauty@hotmail.com

Marathon MAC flight

Marine Corps Community Services at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., is in the process of securing a Military Airlift Command flight to the Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 31, in Quantico, Va. They are collecting names of any active duty in the Southwest region who would be interested in taking advantage of this flight. Space is limited to 40 people, but a waiting list will be created once these slots have been filled. For more information, contact Michele Bean at DSN 267-7700, (858) 577-7700 or via e-mail at michele.bean@usmc-mccs.org.

Calling all car nuts

A new History Channel reality show called "Full Throttle" follows two teams of two friends, families or relatives as they fix up classic cars and eventually drag race them. Producers are looking to cast soldiers and Marines in a future episode. The show doesn't necessarily focus on service

competition. Instead it provides a fun and friendly environment in hopes of boosting the participating troops' morale. There are two 10-hour days to modify a working classic car in a garage with tools and professional assistance. The classic car is provided by the show. If the Marines win, they take both cars home. The casting producer is looking for two Marines to cast as soon as possible. For more information, call casting producer Marty Collins at (818) 385-4260.

Operation Homecoming

Operation Homecoming will run through Veteran's Day, allowing returning service members and up to four direct dependents, a one-time, free entry to one of the Sea World, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place parks. The offer provides for one visit to one park only.

Proof of deployment or overseas service is required along with a valid Department of Defense identification and completed application form. Application forms will be available on-line and at park front gates.

Submit possible briefs to the Chevron via e-mail to edward.guevara@usmc.mil. The Chevron staff reserves the right to publish only those briefs that comply with Department of Defense regulations and the standards and regulations of the U.S. Government.

The Hatch Act

Explaining conduct in political activity

In this time of heightened political activity, it is a good time to review permitted and prohibited political activity of federal employees. The following is general guidance only and the Office of Special Counsel should be contacted for information and advice of specific questions and situations.

The Hatch Act, passed by Congress in 1939, imposed significant restrictions on federal employees, government employees, and certain state and local government employees on their ability to participate in political activities. In 1993, Congress amended the Hatch Act to relax some of the restrictions. Most federal employees are now allowed to take an active part in political management or in political campaigns.

Do's

Federal employees may:

- be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections
- register and vote as they choose
- assist in voter registration drives
- distribute campaign literature in partisan elections
- express opinions about candidates and issues
- contribute money to political organizations
- attend political fund-raising functions
- attend and be active at political rallies and meetings
- join and be an active member of a political party or club
- sign and circulate nominating petitions
- campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments, and municipal ordinances
- campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections
- make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections
- hold office in political clubs or parties

Don'ts

Federal employees may not:

- use official authority or influence to interfere with an election
- solicit or discourage political activity of anyone with business before their agency
- solicit, accept, or receive political contributions (may be done in limited situations by federal labor or other employee organizations)
- be candidates for public office in partisan elections
- engage in political activity while on duty or in a government office
- wear political partisan buttons on duty or engage in political activity while wearing an official uniform
- engage in political activity while using a government vehicle

Source: Office of Special Counsel, which is responsible for administration of law and regulation regarding such activity. Please visit their Web site at www.osc.gov.



All running done in this aerobics class is performed in the water. There is 20 minutes of cardio in the first half of the class. Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron photos



Army Pfc. Amanda T. Lopez, a medic with 670th Military Police Company, stretches her triceps at the end of the swim aerobics class. The class is 45 minutes long.

Swim to fitness



Maximum Strength instructor Catharina A. Herrera works her arm muscles with a flexy band. The flexy band workout is part of the last 10 minutes of the class.

BY CPL. EDWARD R. GUEVARA JR.
Chevron staff

The Maximum Strength class at Parke Hall offers a low-impact water aerobic workout to all service members and retirees and DoD personnel and dependents over 18 with a valid ID.

The class, available Fridays from 6:15 a.m. to 7 a.m., is geared for people of all fitness levels, according to instructor Catharina A. Herrera, a certified aquatic personal trainer.

"You can work at your own intensity level in the water," she said. "It's less impact and the properties of the water make you work both sides of the muscles."

Herrera explained that water resistance – when curling dumbbell-shaped buoyancy equipment, for example – works all sides of the bicep muscle instead of one like with a dumbbell out of water.

This type of physical training is not as demanding as normal aerobic workouts, but it has the same effects, according to Army Pfc. Amanda T. Lopez, a medic with 670th Military Police Company. She said the exercise

doesn't hurt her ailing knee.

"It's great for seniors and people who need to be rehabilitated from an injury," said Herrera. "You can work at your own intensity level in the water."

The class accommodates patrons who don't like the normal style of aerobics.

"I give it more of a boot camp style," Herrera said, "instead of aerobic dance style."

Herrera keeps the routine simple throughout the class, starting with a warm-up jog and stretching, followed by 20 minutes of cardio, which is jumping jacks and jogging the width of the pool.

The cooldown is a 15-minute strength workout with buoyancy equipment.

Patrons exercise their back and legs using flex bands before finishing the class with stretches. The Marines at the tank keep the water 80 to 82 degrees and the air usually in the mid-80s. The temperature of the pool and the air helps prevent hypothermia when getting out.

For those who are self-conscience about doing the exercises wrong, Herrera offers this advice: "What's nice about the water is nobody can see if you are doing it wrong."

MAXIMUM STRENGTH

Fridays, 6:15 a.m. to 7 a.m.

• The pool is also open for lap swimming Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Monday through Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

• All pool services are available to service members and retirees and DoD personnel and dependents over 18 with a valid ID.



Pfc. Justin D. Summers, squad leader, Platoon 1096, Company B, shoves a cookie in his mouth the night before he becomes a Marine. The shipment of cookies was donated to the entire company by one recruit's father, who solicited local people and companies in Texas to give or buy cookies. Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron

Reunion & Remembrance

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Chevron staff



(Left to right) Drill instructors Staff Sgt. Miguel A. Betancourt, Company E, and Sgt. Jose Angulo, Company G, fire blank rounds during a rifle salute to honor fallen drill instructors.



(From left to right) 1st Sgt. Terry T. Hoskins, Company K, Staff Sgt. Weslely W. Hunt, Company K, and Sgt. Hector M. Flores, Company K speak with retired Sgt. Maj. Chuck Harris, a former World War II prisoner of war, after the memorial service.



1st Sgt. John Lucero Jr., Company G, stands at parade rest before The Known Marine monument during a memorial service to fallen Marines, given by the "Crow" Crawford Chapter Drill Instructors Association.



(From left to right) Retired Gunnery Sgt. Timoteo Brown from Phoenix and retired Master Gunnery Sgt. Bobby Biers from Scottsdale, Ariz. share a few memories after the memorial service.



Sgt. Maj. Leland D. Crawford, Sgt. Maj. Hayes, 1st Sgt. E. Smith, Gunnery Sgt. R. L. Roper, Staff Sgt. P. Conner and Staff Sgt. Allan K. Walker were honored during a memorial service given by the "Crow" Crawford Chapter Drill Instructors Association here Sept. 17.

SON of 11 SEPT 2001

Since the twin towers fell, he has kept finding ways to be there for his country.



Pvt. Robert Lund, Platoon 2001, Company E, checks the placement of his National Defense Service Medal ribbon on his khaki shirt. The medal has been issued to all service members since September 11, 2001. Lund was at ground zero the day the World Trade Center towers fell. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron photos

BY LANCE CPL. JESS LEVENS
Chevron staff

He finished his vocabulary test early and asked his second-period German teacher if he could use the restroom. Intending to waste time in the hallway talking to friends, he walked past a crowd of students gathered around a television looping images of an airplane exploding into the World Trade Center in New York City.

Eighteen-year-old Pvt. Robert Lund, then a high-school sophomore in Long Island, N.Y., rounded up friends old enough to drive, and the boys rushed to the twin towers.

"It was crazy," recalled Lund. "We got there before the police and firefighters took control. It was chaos. There was a feeling of disbelief. Nothing could prepare the mind or body for that event."

Stricken with an instinctual duty, Lund and his friends got as close as they could to the rubble, and they administered first aid to people with minor injuries.

"We didn't know much about first aid — just what we knew from health class," said Lund. "My friends made splints and put bandages on people. I also did rescue breathing. We carried people to safety. We did whatever we could."

Lund and his friends also helped people find their loved ones. They offered their cell phones to people in need and went on search parties to find victims. Lund said they found about three or four missing people.

"We did what we could," said Lund. "I just wish we could've done more to help. One of my best friend's parents died. I lost about 20 people who were close to me and my family in the attack."

Lund was only 15 at the time, but a rage brewed inside him. He said he would never let that happen again.

"I decided then and there I would do everything in my power to make sure a tragedy like that doesn't happen again in my life. I decided to become a Marine."

About a year later, the Lund family needed a change of pace, so they moved to Scottsdale, Ariz., where Lund's uncle, Frank Schissel, lives.

"At first it was hard being at a new school," said Lund. "But I made friends and I ended up being nominated for homecoming king and prom king. I didn't really care about that. I just wanted to graduate so I could become a Marine."

When Lund turned 17, he contacted a recruiter right away. He told his friends college could wait, and he encouraged them to join the Corps with him.

"Lund came from the richest school in

'I decided then and there I would do everything in my power to make sure a tragedy like that doesn't happen again in my life. I decided to become a Marine.'

the area," said Sgt. Paul Boyll, one of Lund's recruiters. "Most of the kids there drive Escalades and BMWs to school. Out of all the kids from his school, Lund was the only one who didn't flake out on us. He is truly motivated."

After high-school graduation and a family trip to Italy, the cross-country runner shipped here for recruit training and he was assigned to Platoon 2001, Company E.

"Lund was definitely ready to go," said Boyll. "He's always been a PT stud. He is also very patriotic. A lot of kids say they joined because of 9/11, but Lund was there and he is pissed off."

Lund told his mother, Barbara, "As long as I can carry a load on my back and a rifle in my hand, I will never let anyone threaten your freedom."

"In a letter she sent me, my mom told me it made her cry when I said that," said Lund. "To this day, she doesn't know we went to the towers to help out. I told her I was at a friend's house. I'm not sure what she'll think."

The 5-foot-8-inch Marine said he enlisted as an infantryman because he can personally do the most he can to defend America's freedom.

"I joined expecting to go to Iraq or Afghanistan," said Lund. "If I don't get to go fight, that is OK. But if I am called to action, I am ready to go. I will go wherever this country needs me."



Face About

Company E drill instructor turns other lives around

BY CPL. EDWARD R. GUEVARA JR.
Chevron staff

It took a distant friend's persistence to pluck an unlikely Marine Corps candidate from the streets of San Jose and the grounds of Lincoln High School more than seven years ago.

"I wasn't doing anything with my life," said Staff Sgt. Willie C. Cisneros, series gunnery sergeant. "I was working in a hospital. The money I made wasn't used wisely. I was using my time to go down the wrong path..."

Despite the challenge of joining the Corps' ranks, Company E boasts him as an experienced and successful drill instructor during his time here.

"During his tour here, Staff Sgt. Cisneros seized the opportunity to transform over 800 recruits, as he was once himself," said Gunnery Sgt. Patrick A. Duncan, series gunnery sergeant, Co. E. "As a teenager, he found himself hanging in the wrong crowds and participating in seriously illegal activities."

Cisneros changed his ways even though his environment was against him.

"I was constantly around it," Cisneros said. "A friend of mine that I went to high school with was sold (on) the Marine Corps and I laughed it off as a joke."

An outside friend eventually talked him into it, and Cisneros thanks him for that.

"Coming from a family steeped in military background, Staff Sgt. Cisneros was a disappointment," Duncan said. "Vowing to change his life and wanting to be remembered for something positive, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and transformed himself."

Cisneros' stepfather, Jimmy Rodriguez, who he considers his dad, was in the Navy. His biological father was in the Army.

"I went down with my dad," said Cisneros.



Staff Sgt. Willie C. Cisneros, series gunnery sergeant, Company E, checks his recruit's uniform before the company commander's inspection. Cisneros is in charge of three platoons within the company. Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron photos

"My friends thought it was a joke like I did. They thought it was stupid, and I had no backing from them."

— Staff Sgt. Willie C. Cisneros, a Company E drill instructor on joining the Corps

"He supported me, but my mother didn't agree." However, during his first year overseas, his relationship with his mother improved.

"After I was overseas, she saw the change in my personality and maturity," he said.

According to Duncan, friends and family repeatedly said he would not make it. They said he lacked dedication, and he was too small and too quiet. He used this as motivation.

"My friends thought (joining the Marines) was a joke like I did," he said. "They thought it was stupid, and I had no backing from them."

In the beginning, Cisneros said his dad gave the most support. Seven and a half years later, Cisneros said his wife Veronica is the reason he has stayed in. While he was a lance corporal, he and Veronica were both going to college, and they talked about getting out.

"She said I could do better (in the Marines)," said Cisneros. "She pushed me to my limits."

He is paying back the Corps by serving his best with what he was given from his drill

instructors. He also wants to protect his family and nation.

"He is driven to ensure these young men will protect our country, his wife and his beautiful daughter," said Duncan.

All the support his wife gave him has made her his hero.

"I look up to my wife," Cisneros said. "She works full time, goes to school full time and she's a full-time mom while I'm here."

Turning his life around, he has come to a point where he has helped change other lives.

"My biggest reason for becoming a drill instructor was to provide a second chance in life for people who were struggling without goals," said Cisneros. "And to give (them) a second chance as I was given."



Like other chief drill instructors, Staff Sgt. Willie C. Cisneros has served cycles as a junior drill instructor and a senior drill instructor. The art on this holder for his campaign cover was created by one of Cisneros' former recruits.



Staff Sgt. Carlos A. RuizRivera

DRILL INSTRUCTOR SCHOOL **HONOR GRADUATE CLASS 4-04**

DI School is 12 weeks. 48 students of 69 graduated.

DESTINATION: Third Recruit Training Battalion, Company L
CORPS SERVICE: 10 years, eight months

WHY DID YOU BECOME A DRILL INSTRUCTOR?
Like many (Marines), it's a goal you have, probably once you finish recruit training. This will help me get to first sergeant, and I hope to eventually become a sergeant major.

WHY WERE YOU CHOSEN AS HONOR MAN?
It's a combination of test scores, inspections, drill and a standard operating procedures evaluation. I'm not that smart, but I am willing to outwork the other guy and make sacrifices.

There is no room for failure at DI School. You either put out or get out.

WHAT WAS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE FOR YOU?
Adjusting to the school environment. You have to remember you are not in the fleet anymore.

WHAT DID YOU ENJOY THE MOST?
Drill. I've always enjoyed drill. It's better than sitting inside a classroom.

WHAT WAS THE HARDEST PART FOR YOU?
The physical fitness program. Where else in the Marine Corps can you run a 21-minute and come in at the end. A 285 PFT isn't special here. It's either a 300 or it's nothing.

MANY THANKS TO:
Chief instructor Gunnery Sgt. Salinas and squad instructor Gun-

nery Sgt. Castellanos for their guidance.

OTHER B BILLETS:
Recruiter from 1998 to 2001 in Recruiting Station Los Angeles

FAMILY: Married to wife Erin for more than five years. They have a 15-month old daughter, Isabella.

HOMETOWN: Buckeye, Ariz.
AGE: 29

PULL-UPS: 17
CRUNCHES: 100
3-MILE RUN: 19:40

RESIDENT MILITARY EDUCATION: Seventh in corporal's course, 3rd in both sergeant's course and staff academy.

ECHO COMPANY



Platoon 2003
COMPANY HONORMAN
Pfc. C. J. Kendrick
Twin Falls, Idaho
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. J. C. Johnson

SECOND RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION
Commanding Officer
Lt. Col. V. A. Ary
Chaplain
Lt. K. A. Medve
Sergeant Major
Sgt. Maj. D. W. Gallagher
Battalion Drill Master
Staff Sgt. T. L. DeBarr

COMPANY E
Commanding Officer
Capt. T.R. Demann
Company First Sergeant
1st Sgt. T. E. Ryan
Company Corpsman
Petty Officer 3rd Class M. C. Herrington

SERIES 2001
Series Commander
Capt. C. E. Roberts
Series Gunnery Sergeant
Gunnery Sgt. P. A. Patrick

SERIES 2005
Series Commander
Capt. J. C. Torbensen
Series Gunnery Sergeant
Staff Sgt. W. C. Cisneros

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Gunnery Sgt. M. Lett
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Staff Sgt. J. P. Johnson
Gunnery Sgt. D. K. Sanford
Gunnery Sgt. D. D. McDuffie

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Pvt. R. G. Alphin
Pvt. M. C. Antonio
Pvt. A. D. Bardaro
Pvt. K. G. Bird
*Pfc. E. G. Burciaga
Pvt. D. P. Burdett
*Pfc. L. T. Butler
Pvt. O. R. Calupad
Pvt. J. C. Castellanos
Pvt. J. D. Collins
Pvt. C. J. Culver
*Pfc. T. W. Cummings
Pvt. P. D. Davis
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Pvt. M. W. T. Early
Pfc. G. M. Fanning
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Pvt. B. R. Flores
Pfc. O. A. Floreslemus
Pvt. A. A. Galvan
Pvt. B. K. Gibson
Pvt. T. A. Gilbert
Pvt. M. F. Godina
Pvt. D. C. Golden
Pvt. N. K. Hahn
Pvt. P. H. Hawthorne
Pvt. D. A. Hayes
Pvt. B. L. Henderson
Pvt. R. Hernandez
Pvt. A. C. Hodgdon
Pvt. M. D. Ingram
Pvt. M. R. Jacquez
Pvt. L. J. Klein
Pvt. A. P. Le
*Pfc. C. R. Leake
Pvt. J. L. Leysnon
Pvt. N. R. Llanos
Pvt. J. J. Lloyd
Pvt. R. A. Lopez
Pfc. V. R. Lopez
Pfc. J. A. Lucente
Pvt. R. M. Lund
Pvt. F. G. Mariscal
Pfc. M. Martinez
Pvt. K. W. McCartney
Pfc. T. A. Medina
Pfc. M. M. Moreno
Pvt. F. Ngchie
Pvt. B. J. Nicolls
Pfc. R. C. Paschke
Pvt. M. D. Pickens
Pvt. J. A. Pizarro



Platoon 2006
SERIES HONORMAN
Pfc. E. R. Calie
Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
Recruited by
Gunnery Sgt. J. L. Bailes



Platoon 2001
PLATOON HONORMAN
Dallas
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. J. C. Berry



Platoon 2002
PLATOON HONORMAN
Pfc. C. R. Godfrey
Indianapolis
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. G. Smith



Platoon 2004
PLATOON HONORMAN
Pfc. L. A. Sloan
Groesbeck, Texas
Recruited by
Sgt. J. W. Laughlin



Platoon 2005
PLATOON HONORMAN
Pfc. K. A. Hampton
Lake Mills, Wisc.
Recruited by
Sgt. J. E. Vinup



Platoon 2007
PLATOON HONORMAN
Pfc. C. G. Shell
Crosswell, Mich.
Recruited by
Sgt. E. D. Flint

	RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT	MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO
	<i>Commanding Officer</i> COL. W. M. CALLIHAN	<i>Band Officer</i> CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER E. M. HAYES
	<i>Sergeant Major</i> SGT. MAJ. M. L. SHEPARD	<i>Band Master</i> GUNNERY SGT. B. C. PARADIS
	<i>Regimental Drill Master</i> GUNNERY SGT. P. DOMINGUEZ JR.	COLOR GUARD SGT. D. R. NEEL SGT. J. JENKINS PVT. S. L. LACROIX PVT. G. I. SOWMAN
MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT & WESTERN RECRUITING REGION	<i>Commanding General</i> BRIG. GEN. J. M. PAXTON JR.	
<i>Sergeant Major</i> SGT. MAJ. F. E. PULLEY	<i>Parade Adjutant</i> STAFF SGT. A. GUTIERREZ <i>Narrator</i> GUNNERY SGT. P. A. ROSENTHAL	

Pfc. J. J. Reitzel
Pvt. J. M. Rodriguez
Pvt. S. A. A. Delgado
Pvt. M. S. Rodriguez
Pvt. B. M. Roth
Pvt. A. J. Tarro

PLATOON 2002
Senior Drill Instructor
Sgt. M. M. Mann
Drill Instructors
Sgt. E. Penaneza
Sgt. D. Martinez

Pvt. S. S. Adams
*Pfc. B. D. Allen
Pvt. W. Arias
Pvt. R. J. Bateman
Pvt. A. P. Beck
Pvt. K. W. Boals
Pvt. N. A. Bogden
Pvt. C. T. Bonnell
Pvt. B. D. Brinton
Pvt. D. K. Brown
Pvt. R. J. Brush
Pvt. M. S. Campbell
Pvt. A. K. Campbell
Pvt. J. M. Canavati
Pfc. R. G. Castillo
Pfc. J. E. Cazares
Pvt. E. J. Clugy
Pvt. J. L. Cook
Pfc. K. W. Cooper
Pvt. B. L. Craven
Pvt. K. D. Dale
Pvt. T. J. Dambrogio

Pfc. S. E. Daniels
Pvt. J. F. Decker
Pvt. A. A. Delgado
Pfc. W. A. Elgin
Pvt. C. L. Escobar
Pvt. M. A. Facundo
Pvt. J. T. Ferguson
Pvt. J. A. Foersch
Pvt. J. F. Fornek
Pvt. S. T. Foster
Pvt. D. Gasca
*Pfc. C. R. Godfrey
Pvt. J. R. Gonzales
Pvt. J. K. Hernandez
Pfc. T. R. Hosier
Pvt. V. J. Huerta
*Pfc. J. P. Irwin

Pvt. J. R. Jasso
Pvt. A. L. Johnson
Pvt. J. L. Johnson
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Pvt. K. T. Knapp
Pvt. C. M. Libbey
Pvt. W. R. Lovelace
Pvt. M. P. Maddocks
Pfc. R. E. Mahan
Pvt. J. F. McCoy
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Pfc. J. S. Mullins
Pvt. K. J. Nichols
Pvt. A. H. Orth
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Pfc. E. E. Pedroza
Pvt. L. R. Roche
Pvt. J. A. Salsbery

Pvt. C. A. Sargeant
Pvt. T. J. Scheid
Pvt. D. R. Shaver
Pvt. R. J. Smith
Pvt. F. Sotogurrola
Pvt. E. J. Sotuyo
Pvt. T. J. Terranova
Pvt. M. A. Tilden

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Staff Sgt. E. J. Starkey
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. A. F. Ceritelli
Staff Sgt. M. A. Betancourt
Sgt. F. W. Ortega

*Pfc. R. N. Abbott
Pvt. D. W. Absher
Pvt. T. N. Allen
Pvt. C. M. Bates
Pvt. J. C. Bautista
Pvt. K. W. Bernhardt
Pvt. J. T. Bishop
Pvt. H. E. Bland
Pvt. G. M. Bone
Pvt. D. W. Brooks
Pvt. B. B. Bunke
Pfc. C. J. Carpenter
Pvt. J. M. Carper
Pvt. Q. M. Casebere
Pvt. D. R. Casey
Pvt. E. Z. Chavez
Pvt. J. C. Cobbett
Pvt. B. M. Crofts
Pvt. D. L. Dalager

Pvt. J. M. Damm
Pvt. P. W. Davis
Pvt. J. Z. Deleon
Pvt. B. A. Dixon
Pvt. D. S. Edwards
Pvt. D. D. Espinor
Pvt. A. J. Finley
Pvt. R. M. Gibson
Pvt. C. K. Gilligan
*Pfc. K. R. Gilman
Pvt. T. M. Grimme
Pvt. W. A. Haas
Pfc. A. P. Hagar
Pvt. T. M. Hancock
Pvt. M. T. Hennessy
Pvt. J. M. Holsten
Pvt. L. S. Huebner
Pvt. R. L. Humphrey
Pvt. T. L. Jamison
Pvt. T. A. Jensen
*Pfc. C. J. Kendrick
Pvt. J. M. Landers
Pvt. J. S. Mahathath
Pvt. D. L. Mancuso
Pfc. J. A. Martinez
Pfc. R. G. Mayfield
Pvt. J. W. Miller
Pvt. M. D. Miranda
Pvt. C. S. Moen
Pvt. M. T. Montes
Pvt. W. S. Downum
*Pfc. W. R. Erickson
Pvt. S. G. Haddicks
Pvt. J. A. Herrera
*Pfc. R. O. Johnson
Pvt. J. A. Kelley



Platoon 2005
HIGH SHOOTER (236)
Pvt. E. S. Malloy
Riverside, Calif.
Marksmanship Instructor
Staff Sgt. J. K. Jones

Pvt. M. W. Richardson
Pvt. R. J. Rigby
Pvt. G. F. Roach
Pvt. C. M. Romero
Pvt. T. R. Sage
Pvt. P. A. Savedra
Pvt. A. B. Scheepers
Pvt. S. C. Seeley
Pvt. F. J. Serafin

PLATOON 2004
Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. A. T. Dupree
Drill Instructors
Sgt. T. R. Johnson
Sgt. B. A. Price
Sgt. M. T. Johnson

Pvt. C. M. Barnett
Pvt. J. M. Cisneros
Pvt. G. A. Clark
Pvt. R. A. Coghill
Pvt. C. M. Cruzportillo
*Pfc. M. L. Deno
Pvt. W. S. Downum
*Pfc. W. R. Erickson
Pvt. S. G. Haddicks
Pvt. J. A. Herrera
*Pfc. R. O. Johnson
Pvt. J. A. Kelley



Platoon 2007
HIGH PFT (300)
Pfc. S. L. McCue
Alliance, Neb.
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. J. Curtis

Pvt. J. A. Larson
Pvt. R. A. Martinez
Pvt. J. C. Mata
Pfc. A. S. Meats
Pvt. P. G. Mendez
*Pfc. J. O. Parrott
Pvt. C. E. Ray
Pvt. M. A. Romero
Pvt. J. D. Ruiz
Pvt. J. C. Schmidt
Pvt. E. J. Shelton
Pvt. A. K. Siefman
Pvt. G. D. Slay
*Pfc. L. A. Sloan
Pvt. K. A. Smith
Pvt. C. B. Spigler
Pvt. J. L. Spitzer
Pvt. S. A. Sprague
Pvt. J. L. Stanzione
Pvt. R. J. Steinbrecher
Pvt. C. A. Stewart
Pvt. J. M. Stewart
Pvt. G. A. Strong
Pvt. T. L. Sytsma
Pvt. N. L. Szczerba
Pvt. L. J. Tellez
Pvt. C. R. Testoni
Pvt. K. A. Thibodaux
Pvt. R. E. Thompson
Pvt. C. M. Thompson
Pvt. T. S. Tipton



Gunnery Sgt. D. D. McDuffie, drill instructor, Platoon 2001, Company E, follows his recruits as they quickly move outside. The are falling-in to go to chow. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

COMPANY CURIOSITIES Here's how men from Echo Company answered Chevron's random questions about their boot camp experiences:

Q: What was the scariest moment of recruit training?



Pfc. Wade A. Elgin
Indianola, Iowa

A: Listening to the yelling and coughing of the platoons ahead of us in the gas chamber.

Q: How many letters did you receive during mail call?



Pfc. Bret R. Paquette
Naperville, Ill.

A: 1-2 on average which was enough to keep me motivated and worry free.

Q: Do you have a significant other? Any Dear John letters?



Pfc. Matthew P. Maddocks
Houston

A: Yes ... One Dear John letter, but I think she changed her mind. I'll see when I get home.

Q: Why did you join the Marine Corps?



Pfc. Kyle W. Boals
The Woodlands, Texas

A: To get my life started out on the right foot.

Q: What is your MOS and why did you choose it?



Pvt. Chris M. Libbey
Villa Park, Ill.

A: My MOS is 1300 combat engineer. I wanted to do some type of construction in building when I get out.



Jerry R. Kranz

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Kranz was born in Oelwein, Iowa Sept. 5, 1925. He grew up in Frazee, Minn., where he graduated from high school June 1943. He enlisted in the Marine Corps June 29, 1943 and was called up August 20, 1943. He graduated as a private first class after eight weeks of expedited training.

Upon graduation from boot camp, he was assigned to M3 A1 light tanks at Jacques Farm, now known as Admiral Baker Field, San Diego. In early December, he was transferred to boat basin, now Camp Del Mar at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and was introduced to the Land Vehicle Tracked 2 as a member of the 10th Amtrac Battalion, 4th Marine Division.

The 4th Marine Division shipped out January 6, 1944 and headed for combat on Roi-Namur in the Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands. It was the first combat unit to sail directly into action from the states.

After securing the Kwajalein Atoll, in the shortest combat time in the Pacific campaign, Kranz and the 4th Division later fought in the Pacific campaigns of Saipan, Tinian and at the bloody battle of Iwo Jima.

Kranz was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in December 1945 after attaining the rank of corporal.

Following his discharge, Kranz used the G.I. Bill to attend Moorhead State Teachers College in Moorhead, Minn., from 1946-1950. Upon graduation, Kranz taught school for 40 years: six in Starbuck, Minn., and 34 with the San Diego Union High School District in Encinitas, Calif.

Kranz is currently the commandant of the San Diego Bulldog Detachment of the Marine Corps League.

He and his wife, the former Avalin Warner, currently reside in North Park, Calif.



A Company E Marine places his rifle marksmanship badge below his National Defense Medal ribbon on his Service A uniform. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

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Pvt. J. C. Trammel
Pvt. M. T. Trejo
Pvt. E. P. Tuyay
Pvt. C. J. Upchurch
Pvt. A. V. Aldez
Pvt. W. R. Valencia
Pfc. D. L. Vander-Griend
Pfc. D. W. Vandine
Pvt. D. P. Vanimmelen
Pvt. R. W. Walker
Pvt. N. A. Walts
Pvt. R. N. Warfield
Pvt. N. C. Warner
Pvt. J. A. Whitaker
Pvt. L. E. Wright
Pfc. T. C. Wright

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Staff Sgt. D. E. Patton

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Pfc. E. Aldana
Pvt. G. A. Anders
Pvt. C. J. Bowman
Pvt. J. P. Braker
Pvt. B. K. Brandt
Pvt. D. M. Breslin
Pvt. P. L. Brodner

Pvt. L. J. Brown
Pfc. D. Cabrera
Pvt. J. R. Carranza
Pvt. D. Castillo
Pvt. R. R. Chavez-Suarez
Pvt. R. M. Cornejo
Pvt. W. N. Cotton
Pvt. S. A. Davis
*Pfc. R. J. De Hoyos
Pvt. M. E. De Los Reyes
Pvt. L. A. Del Rio
Pvt. C. A. Diaz
Pvt. K. S. Foster
Pvt. D. Garcia
Pfc. J. R. Gancy
Pvt. R. Guzman
Pvt. D. J. Harvey
Pvt. K. R. Harvey
Pvt. A. J. Hasley
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Pvt. K. C. Hill
Pvt. M. P. Klassen
Pvt. A. G. Kildzejs
Pvt. L. O. Lopez
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Pvt. D. W. Loshek
Pvt. E. S. Malloy
Pvt. M. X. Mardling
Pvt. K. R. Marko
Pvt. B. P. Mayfield
Pvt. C. F. McDonald
Pvt. J. A. Melton
Pvt. K. T. Mills

Pvt. N. A. Miner
Pvt. O. G. Moscozo
Pvt. D. H. Nguyen
Pvt. D. I. Pak
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Pvt. J. D. Penny
Pvt. C. T. Potts
Pvt. S. M. Rebar
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Pvt. T. D. Richards
Pvt. J. A. Rios-Sandoval
Pfc. D. D. Ross
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Pvt. J. C. Saenz
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Pvt. S. L. Simmons
Pfc. R. J. Stokes
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Sgt. M. C. Swenson

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Pvt. S. M. Allard
Pvt. J. C. Anthis
Pvt. R. D. Asam

Pvt. W. R. Baker
Pvt. W. A. Bartrum
Pvt. R. C. Beard
Pvt. Z. G. Bias
Pvt. R. R. Blakely
Pfc. C. A. Boekhoven
Pvt. L. M. Bruun
Pvt. S. R. Bubbers
*Pfc. G. A. Caban
*Pfc. E. R. Calie
Pvt. A. J. Carpenter
Pvt. L. Chavez
Pvt. D. M. Cline
Pvt. V. Corro
Pfc. C. A. Coyle
Pvt. W. J. Crutchley
Pvt. B. R. Dillon
Pvt. K. J. Duckett
Pvt. S. R. Englund
Pvt. R. Fielder
Pvt. J. M. Fisher
Pvt. D. J. Friends
Pfc. G. A. Garcia
Pvt. J. L. Gonzalez
Pvt. T. M. Griffiths
Pvt. M. D. Hagenbuch
Pvt. M. L. Harris
Pvt. D. W. Harrison
Pvt. N. A. Harshman
Pvt. B. M. Hatchel
Pfc. A. R. Hawthorne
Pvt. R. L. Hernandez
Pvt. W. M. Holden

Pvt. J. V. Horg
Pvt. D. P. Hunter
Pvt. J. C. Jester
Pvt. R. Jimenez
Pfc. E. L. Jude
Pvt. R. A. Kalina
Pvt. L. M. Katkov
*Pfc. D. L. Kerr
Pfc. S. D. Kim
Pvt. F. J. Koenig
Pvt. W. D. Lang
Pvt. A. J. Litka
Pvt. J. A. Lopez-Garcia
Pvt. A. J. Lynch
Pvt. A. Machuca
Pvt. S. A. Magana
Pvt. A. S. Maravilla
Pvt. J. D. McNulty
Pvt. D. J. Mendez
Pfc. N. T. Mihm
Pvt. W. P. Dohmen
Pvt. C. J. Eaton
Pvt. T. J. Miller
Pvt. C. J. Miller
Pvt. S. M. Navarre
Pvt. J. M. Newman
Pvt. E. F. Nunez
Pvt. J. L. Pederson
Pvt. J. F. Pelayo
Pvt. M. L. Perkins
Pvt. C. A. Raheb
Pvt. M. D. Reconsal
Pvt. J. B. Rehm
Pvt. J. C. Rocha
Pvt. H. E. Rogel
Pfc. A. J. Romero

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Pvt. J. P. Schrier
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Pvt. M. T. Straub

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Pvt. B. T. Bueno
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Pvt. J. D. Corbin
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Pvt. B. S. Hart
Pvt. J. S. Hippen
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Pvt. M. E. Jones
Pvt. S. L. Lacroix
Pfc. J. L. Leonard
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Pvt. A. P. Starbuck
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*denotes meritorious



Tug -of- War

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BY LANCE CPL. JESS LEVENS
Chevron staff

Headquarters and Service Companies went toe-to-toe in a series of tug-of-war bouts Sept. 15 for battalion physical training.

Sgt. Maj. Armando Escobedo, Headquarters and Service Bn.'s sergeant major, divided the event into five bouts: officers, staff noncommissioned officers, noncommissioned officers, lance corporals and below, and an open bout.

Headquarters Co. officers and staff NCOs had no problem towing the line against Service Co., but a comeback ensued.

Service Co. took the remaining three bouts, including a horrendous struggle between Headquarters and Service Companies' junior Marines.

Col. Ana R. Smythe presented Service Co. with the tug-of-war trophy to hang in the company office.

"Our NCOs and non-NCOs were the key players," said 1st Sgt. Ramon Diaz, Service Co. first sergeant. "It just goes to show that the true backbone is junior Marines. They pulled us through and brought us to victory."

Next month's battalion event is swimming relays. Bragging rights and another trophy are at stake.

WHO PULLED IT OFF?

	HQ	SVC
Officers	W	L
Staff NCOs	W	L
NCOs	L	W
Lance Cpls. and below	L	W
Open bout	L	W



Service Company striker Gunnery Sgt. Fabian Sosa boxes out Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Troy Fuller and clears the ball to his teammates on the defensive end of the field. *Pfc. Mikel L. Savides/12th Marine Corps Recruiting District*



Rugged reciprocals

Undefeated teams butt heads in potential championship preview

BY CPL. EDWARD R. GUEVARA JR.
Chevron staff

Service Company tied Coast Guard 3-3 in the Commanding General's Cup Soccer Tournament at Beeson Field Tuesday.

The two top-ranking teams battled it out in week four, the final week of regular season play before next week's playoffs.

Service Company's Lance Cpl. Eric Norfleet, striker and All-Marine soccer veteran, broke out at kickoff with the first drive and a goal attempt blocked by Coast Guard goalie Petty Officer 3rd Class Arturo Portillo.

After repeated fouls from Coast Guard, Norfleet scored the first point off a penalty shot.

Coast Guard viciously retaliated with two goals of their own by Petty Officer 2nd Class Chad Brook and Petty Officer 2nd Class Troy Fuller. Coast Guard rotated player positions on the field throughout the game.

During the game, officials commented

that these teams looked like they were playing in the championship game.

Service Company's passing game kept them one step ahead of Coast Guard.

Norfleet, defenseman Lance Cpl. Jared Padula and striker Lance Cpl. Chris Hale kept an offensive dribble and drove in two more points: one from Norfleet and one from Hale.

At halftime, the two teams regrouped and went over their strategy for the next half.

Coast Guard came into the second half with a drive, beating defender Capt. Blair Stevenson and goalie Lance Cpl. Raymond Azpeitia.

Unfortunately, that play resulted in injury. Azpeitia collided with the other two players while trying to make a block and took a blow to his throat.

With 10 minutes left in the second half, Stevenson took over as goalie and blocked the next six Coast Guard shots.

Showing more aggression in the end, Coast Guard's final attempt came from

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precision team passing down the field through a straight line of Service Company defenders. Stevenson's goal tending ended that run.

Both teams remain top seeds.

"We kept our cool," said Padula. "Especially with the warm conditions."

"We didn't let one bad play give us a negative mindset," said Coast Guard coach Petty Officer 2nd Class Matt Sayers reacting to his team's performance. "We could have been more aggressive in the first half."

Next week, both teams will have their chance against the rest of the depot in the championship tourney. All teams qualify to play.

Games start at 9 a.m. at Beeson Field. For more information, contact Rachel Dickinson at (619) 524-0548.